

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/582,307

Applicant(s)

ESCH ET AL.

Examiner

Charles G. Freay

Art Unit

3746

All Participants:

(1) Charles G. Freay.

(2) Eric Swanson.

Status of Application: pending

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(4) _____

Date of Interview: 11 September 2009

Time: 10:30 am

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

27, 29, 31, 32, 36, 45 and 47

Prior art documents discussed:

Bass (USPN 1,995,630), Beardslee (USPN 3,595,566) and carter et al (USPN 6,100,617)

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner noted that the phrase "...in or on an area of an upper side of the support cage that faces the deflector" at the end of claim 27 is a broad limitation which allows the brush holder location to be interpreted as being near the upper end (Bass) of the cage, radially within the upper end of the cage (Carter et al) and also in the deflector (Beardslee). The examiner and the applicant agreed that the changes as set forth in the examiner's amendment read over the prior art by limiting the brush holders to be "disposed in or on an upper surface of the support cage". Additionally various and plural changes were discussed and agreed to relating to creating consistent terminology for the brush holder connector pins and the stator pack connectors. Lastly, various minor typographical errors were agreed to be corrected as set forth in the examiner's amendment.